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In the Supreme Court of the United States

Daniel Hoagland, Karen Hoagland, Hoagland Family Limited Partnership and Clear Lake Management Corporation,

Petitioners,

V

Town of Clear Lake, Indiana, et al., Respondents.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Is a non-proprietor municipality federally preempted from:

- 1. Enacting a zoning ordinance limiting and/or prohibiting Petitioners from using their pre-existing, licensed heliport to land their helicopter, contrary to the Federal Aviation Act's express preemption of such local governmental laws or regulations relating to an air carrier's price, route or service set forth in 49 U.S.C. § 41713(b)(1)?
- 2. Closing an existing, state certified, federally endorsed landing facility that was legally established at a time when there was no local ordinance regulating landing facilities by subsequently enacting a post facto zoning ordinance?
- 3. Enacting a zoning ordinance that requires owners of existing landing facilities to "provide proof of FAA authority to the zoning inspector and a copy of the results of any flight review (including FAA airmen medical exams) within 60 days of each flight review"?
- 4. Enacting a zoning ordinance that only closes existing landing facilities but in no way prohibits or regulates the siting, or the establishment of new facilities?
- 5. Enacting a zoning ordinance that closes existing landing facilities that are based on private property while the ordinance legislative history clearly shows the intentional exclusion of the private Clear Lake Seaplane base that is located on the public waters of Clear Lake?

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS

Petitioners are Daniel Hoagland, Karen Hoagland, Hoagland Family Limited Partnership and Clear Lake Management Corporation.

The Petitioners, by and through Daniel Hoagland, appear pro se and are filing pro se to represent their interests before the United States Supreme Court. There is no publicly held interest involved.

Respondents are Town Of Clear Lake, Indiana, Robert D. Troll, Derold H. Covell, Emma J. Brown, William Geiger, Joe Driver, and Thomas Reith, individually and in their official capacity as current and former members of the Clear Lake Town Council and Plan Commission, Thomas Wehrenberg, in his official capacity as a former member of the Clear Lake Town Council and Plan Commission, Richard Allen Lehman, individually and in his official capacity as Town of Clear Lake Marshal and Clear Lake Zoning Inspector, Julie Zachrich, Barb Disser, Alan B. Larue and Thomas Reith, individually and in their official capacity as current and former members of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Clear Lake, Indiana.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 29.6

There is no parent corporation or publicly held company owning 10% or more of the stock in any corporation that is, or has been a party to any of these proceedings.

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Petitioners, pro se, respectfully request this Court to issue a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit entered in this action on July 18th, 2005.

OPINIONS AND ORDERS BELOW

The opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit is published as Hoagland v. Town of Clear Lake, 415 F.3d 693 (7th Cir. 2005), rehearing denied, rehearing en banc denied as Hoagland v. Town of Clear Lake, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 22495 (7th Cir. Oct.18, 2005). It is reproduced in the Appendix at 1a. Petition for rehearing was denied without opinion. The unpublished order issued October 18, 2005. The opinion of the District Court denying Petitioners' motion for summary judgment and granting the Respondents' motion for summary judgment is published as Hoagland v. Town of Clear Lake, 344 F. Supp. 2d 1150 (N.D. Ind. 2004). It is reproduced in the Appendix at page 14a.

JURISDICTION

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit issued its opinion on July 18, 2005 and its order denying rehearing on October 18, 2005. (Apx. 3a and 1a.) Jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

The constitutional provisions involved in this case are:

- Article VI of the Constitution, The Supremacy Clause, provides in pertinent part: that the laws of the United States "shall be the supreme Law of the Land; ... any thing in the Constitution or Laws of any state to the Contrary notwithstanding." Art. VI, cl. 2. It has long been settled that state law that conflicts with federal law is "without effect." Maryland v. Louisiana, 451 U.S. 725, 746, 101 S. Ct. 2114, 68 L. Ed. 2d 576 (1981).
- U.S. Constitution, Art. VI, Cl. 2

The statutory provisions involved in this case are:

- 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1)
- 28 U.S.C. § 1331
- 49 U.S.C. § 1508(a)
- 49 U.S.C. § 40101
- 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(2)
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- 49 U.S.C. § 41713
- 49 U.S.C. § 41713(b)(1)
- 49 U.S.C. § 47102(2)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Petitioners are seeking review of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which held that a non-proprietor municipality is not federally preempted from closing an existing, state certified, federally endorsed landing facility that was legally established at a time when there was no local ordinance prohibiting or regulating landing facilities, by subsequently enacting a post facto zoning ordinance. The Seventh Circuit made the decision in spite of the fact that the new zoning ordinance requires owners of existing landing facilities to "provide proof of FAA authority to the zoning inspector and a copy of the results of any flight review (including FAA airmen medical exams) within 60 days of each flight review." And even in spite of the fact that the District Court has already recognized that the Respondents did not dispute the fact that Petitioners qualify as an air carrier within the meaning of the Federal Aviation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40102(a)(2). (Apx C p. 22a)

Petitioners believe the Seventh Circuit's ruling conflicts with the rulings of this Court in American Airlines v. Wolens, 513 U.S. 219, 115 S. Ct. 817, 130, L. Ed.2d 715 (1995) and City of Burbank v. Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc., 411 U.S. 624, 93 S. Ct. 1854, 36 L. Ed. 2d 547 (1973).

Petitioners also believe the Seventh Circuit's ruling conflicts with the rulings of other Circuit Court of Appeals, in Abdullah v. American Airlines, Inc., 181 F.3d 363 (3rd Cir. 1999); Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority v. Los Angeles, 979 F.2d 1338 (9th Cir. 1992); Condor Corporation v. City of St. Paul, 912 F.2d 215 (8th Cir. 1990); French v. Pan Am Express, Inc., 869 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1989); Gustafson v. City of Lake Angelus, 76 F.3d 778 (6th Cir. 1996), cert.